

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

Established 1912 / Present Church dedicated 1962

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July 13, 2025 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mission Statement of St. Elizabeth Church

“The joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or in any way afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ as well. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts. For theirs is a community of people united in Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit in their pilgrimage towards the Kingdom of their Father, bearers of a message of salvation for all of humanity. That is why they cherish a conviction of deep solidarity with the human race and its history.”

(From the Preface of *The Church in the Modern World*---Gaudium Et Spes---of Vatican II)

Rev. Charles Puthota, Ph.D., Pastor

Parish Office

449 Holyoke Street
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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:30 am to 12:00 pm

Closed Fridays

Parish Staff

Patti Spiteri	Administrative Assistant / Pastoral Coordinator
Sandy Mehrwein	Secretary
Fred Spence	Maintenance
Laurrie Digneo	Faith Formation Coordinator

Mass Schedule

Saturday **4:30 pm**
Sunday **8:30 am and 10:30 am**

Monday through Saturday

Divine Office 8:00 am
Mass 8:30 am
Holy Day 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

Confession Schedule

4:00 pm before the 4:30 pm Saturday Mass
10:00 am before the 10:30 am Sunday Mass

Baptism Preparation Classes

Call the Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Call the Parish Office six months before the desired date.

Benediction and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Wednesdays after the 8:30 am Mass.

Legion of Mary Meeting: 5:00 pm Monday in the Church.

1000 Hail Mary's: Third Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass until 3:30 pm.

Over 50 Group: Thursdays at 12 pm in Cantwell Hall (**group will not meet during floor restoration period**).



From the Pastor’s Desktop

A Message from
Father Charles Puthota
July 13,2025

Dear St. Elizabeth Parishioners,

Summer Musings: Summer has come. In the Northern Hemisphere, it started on June 20 (the summer solstice) and will officially end on September 22 (the autumnal equinox). The winter and spring are over. We have had some pretty warm days, and we longed for chilly days. Sure enough, the chilly and windy days are back. We see the fog rolling over from the ocean and it’s a welcome thing, a natural air-conditioning indeed! I sure like the long summer days. It’s bright early and the light lasts late into the evening. The seasons are metaphors for our minds and hearts. What do we think? How do we feel? Nights come, and we think and feel all sorts of sad things, at times, but with the dawn we feel better. Things are not so bad as they had seemed in the night.

In summer, maybe we could do some new things. Maybe we could do something different from our routine lives. Perhaps go to the seaside and look at the majesty and might of the vast ocean crashing on the shore ceaselessly. Perhaps visit a museum. De Young, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA), Legion of Honor, Asian Art Museum, CA Academy of Sciences, Exploratorium, Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD), and Contemporary Jewish Museum are among the museums worth visiting. If anyone would like me to accompany you to any of these museums, do let me know. I would love to contemplate art with you and enjoy the beauty in these creative masterpieces.

Maybe you could go to a park and look at the flowers and the little children running about. Golden Gate Park has so many soul-nourishing things to offer. The Japanese Tea Garden, Ghirardelli Square, Conservatory of Flowers, Ocean Beach, the Cliff House, etc. are worth visiting. Pier 39 is one of my favorites. Fisherman’s Wharf draws so many from around the world, though its glory has somewhat dimmed post-Covid. We could play tourist in our own beautiful city. Close by, we have our own McLaren Park, which I haven’t explored enough myself. Across the Golden Gate Bridge, Sausalito is picturesque and charming. If you want to venture out farther, the wine country is always alluring. When we do things different from our routine lives, our body and soul, our heart and imagination, are refreshed and renewed. Of course, gas prices these days are a big consideration. Coupled with high inflation, I suppose we all have to be careful and make good choices.

Word of God: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The gospel reading is about the love God and love of neighbor. It is the summary of our lives as human beings and Christians. Who are we? We are created by God who is love. The reason for our creation is love. The purpose of our existence is love.

The journey of our life is to be founded on love. The destination of our life is love. Loving God and loving others is what motivates everything that we do. All our examination of conscience addresses the question: “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus gives us the unforgettable parable of the Good Samaritan. Love of God has to be reflected in love of neighbor. They are two sides of the same coin. John in his first letter says: “If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God. This is the commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.” (4:20,21). Jesus insightfully invites us that the love of God is dependent on the love of neighbor and that the love of neighbor will necessarily lead us to love of God. As we go about our daily lives, let’s think about how we are doing in this area of love of God and others. This commandment of love should actually be applied to all things in our personal and public lives. In the choices we make as individuals, families, and nations, in politics and culture, in economics and public policy, in everything that we do, is love of God and love of others a consideration and guiding principle?

What is Catholicism? “Catholicism is a tradition that places great emphasis on tradition. It recognizes that the Bible itself is the product of tradition (or, more precisely, of many traditions). Before there were written texts the faith was handed on through proclamation, catechesis, worship, and personal example. For Catholicism, God speaks through means such as these, not only through words but through deeds as well. History in general and the history of the Church in particular are carriers of this divine revelation. Catholicism, therefore, not only reads its Sacred Scripture, but also its own corporate life and experience. As Pope John XXIII (d. 1963) once said, history itself is a teacher.” (Richard McBrien in his influential book *Catholicism*)

A Wisdom Story to Ponder: The King’s Ring: A king asked his wise men to create a ring that would make him calm in times of despair and humble in times of victory. They gave him a ring engraved with the words: “This too shall pass.” **Wisdom:** All moments are temporary – good or bad. Cling to none.

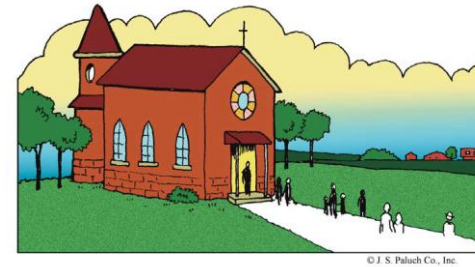
Humor: 1. My boss was honest with me today. He pulled up to work with his sweet new car this morning and I complimented him on it. He replied, "Well, if you work hard, set goals, stay determined and put in long hours, I can get an even better one next year." 2. The wife and husband took a long, leisurely drive out to the country and pulled over to fill up their car's gas tank and tires... She was surprised to see that the station had a fee to fill the tires and asked him, "Why in the world do they charge for AIR?!" He responded, "Inflation."

Your Friend and Pastor,

Father Charles Puthota

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 13,2025**

Christ Jesus . . . is the head of the body, the church.
— *Colossians 1:15, 18*



GOD WANTS TO BE KNOWN

The Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy praises God for inscribing the commandments in our very bodies. God’s law is not distant or foreign, but a natural part of us. In his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul echoes Moses, praising God for becoming one of us. The truly human, flesh-and-blood Jesus reminds us that God always wants to be recognizable and familiar to us. Jesus, who is also truly God, wants to be on intimate terms with each of us.

God’s passionate desire to be known by us is almost too wonderful to take in. Luke’s Gospel helps us understand how to respond. The Good Samaritan parable provides practical advice for those who believe in God’s intimate love for them and want to share that love with others.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The word of the LORD is very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

Psalms — Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69) or *Psalm 19*.

Second Reading — Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15-20).

Gospel — The Samaritan traveler was moved with compassion at the sight of the man stripped and beaten by robbers (Luke 10:25-37).

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**Saturday/Sunday Collection
July 5 - 6**

Weekly Need: \$ 5,000.00
First Collection \$ 2,258.00
Over/Under \$ 2,742.00
Faith Formation \$ 712.50

Mass Intentions

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Monday
8:30 am

July 14
† Jose Castro
† Gregoria Amorado

Tuesday
8:30 am

July 15
Tessie Vinluan (L)
Marilyn Amorado (L)

Wednesday
8:30 am

July 16
Cesar Amorado (L)
Dawn and Andrew
Abranches (L)

Thursday
8:30 am

July 17
Aleja Mandani (L)
† Genefel Marchan

Friday
8:30 am

July 18
† Teresita Amorado
† John and † Mary
Swaries

Saturday
8:30 am

July 19
Reggie and Maureen
Santiago (L)

4:30 pm

† Arthur Ghiglieri
† George Aquilina
† Auguste Indart

Sunday
8:30 am
10:30 am

July 20
People of the Parish
† Adolph Vannucchi
† Prusso Family
† Giovanni Rebagliati
Maltese Society

On The Horizon at St. Elizabeth

• Cantwell Hall

On June 23rd, the refinishing of Cantwell Hall floor began. During this time the hall will be closed for 5 to 6 weeks for all activities. Limited parking is available.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, 7/13 15th Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Monday, 7/14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Tuesday, 7/15 St. Bonaventure
Wednesday, 7/16 Our Lady of Mount
Carmel
Friday, 7/18 St. Camillus de Lellis



Mexico Pilgrimage Our Lady of Guadalupe Spiritual Director: **Fr. Charles Puthota, Ph.D.**

November 13 – 18, 2025

Shrine of Guadalupe - Mexico City - Puebla

On this six-day Catholic pilgrimage you will bask in the beauty of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, at the foot of the hill where Our Lady appeared to Saint Juan Diego. You will have the opportunity to celebrate Mass and pray at one of the holiest sites in the Western Hemisphere! You will visit other sites in Mexico City like the tomb of Blessed Miguel Pro and see the extraordinary Mesoamerican pyramids in the city of San Juan Teotihuacan. You will also spend a day in beautiful Puebla to see the incorrupt body of Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio, Santo Domingo Church, and local markets famous for their colorful pottery. Join us and soak in the stunning culture and faith surrounding the most well-known Marian apparition!



We congratulate Harper De Lara who was baptized at St. Elizabeth Church on July 4, 2025.



With our Archbishop and my sister Josephine at Fr. Eugene Tungol's Golden Jubilee celebration at Epiphany Church on June 30



Faith Formation
FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION
IS OPEN FOR 2025-2026

Registration forms may be requested by calling Laurrie Digneo at 415-672-4903
email: sophielady7@aol.com.
Forms can also be picked up at the parish office or at the Church.

Registration fees are \$50.00 per child.

Faith Formation Teachers needed

We need teachers for the 2025-2026 school year. If you enjoy working with children and have a general knowledge of the Catholic religion, we would love to have you be part of the Faith Formation program. If interested, please contact Laurrie Digneo.